



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

Business Operations Division reservations can be made by calling 410-278-3062 /2552/5195, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Golf

For more information on this or any other event at the Golf Course, contact Ruggles Golf Course, building 5600, 410-278-4794.

Opening day tournament

Ruggles Golf Course opening day tournament will be held April 29 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start due to the rainout on April 8. Patrons may enter as a team or individually to the Captain's Choice Format.

The entry fee ranges from \$20 to \$48 and includes greens fee, cart and range balls prior to event, food, beverage and prizes.

Register by April 26 at Ruggles Pro Shop, building 5600, 410-278-4794.

Exton Opening Day

Tournament

Exton's Opening Day Tournament will be held April 22 with an 8 a.m. shotgun start in a Captain's Choice Format.

Cost is \$15 for members and \$30 for all others. Cost includes greens fee, cart, range balls prior to start of event, food and beverage and prizes.

Patrons may enter as a team or individually.

Register through April 21 at the Exton Golf Course Pro Shop, building E-1200 block, 410-436-2213, or Ruggles Golf Course Pro Shop, build-

ing 5600 block, 410-278-4794.

Link Up 2 Golf

Link up 2 Golf is back and will be held at Ruggles and Exton Golf courses. The program is designed to welcome new and returning golfers to the game.

At Ruggles Golf Course, five consecutive classes will begin May 2, 5:30 to 7:30 on Tuesdays and May 6, 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. At Exton Golf Course, class begins May 3, 5 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Cost is \$99 for E1 through

E5, \$119 for authorized players and \$139 for the public. Fee includes seven hours of instruction time, three hours on-course, free use of rental clubs, range balls and additional range tokens during sessions.

For more information or to sign-up, call Ruggles Golf Course at 410-278-4794, or Exton Golf Course, 410-436-2213, or call Dave Correll, 410-278-4794.

For more information on MWR activities, call 410-278-7474 or visit Web site www.apgmwr.com.

SCHOOL LIAISON

Harford County public schools prekindergarten and kindergarten guidelines

NEWS RELEASE

Harford County Public Schools, April 7, 2006

Prekindergarten

Beginning in fall 2003, prekindergarten enrollment was affected by two state and federal acts: 'No Child Left Behind' and 'Bridge To Excellence.' Based on those acts, economics became an important factor in determining prekindergarten eligibility. Other factors that qualify a child for prekindergarten are also considered. These include month of birth, speech and language status, medical history, and family background.

To be eligible for pre-kindergarten in fall 2006, a child must turn four years old by Sept. 1 (born on or between Sept. 2, 2001, and Sept. 1, 2002). Interested families may pick up an application at any Harford County elementary school. The completed application must be submitted in person to the elementary school with the pre-k program for which the parent or guardian is applying. A family may submit an application to only one pre-k site. If more than one application is submitted, the child's eligibility will be jeopardized.

The first prekindergarten application period will be held in each of the schools listed below, with the pre-k teacher available only on Friday, May 5, beginning at 9 a.m. The first pre-k application process will end 4 p.m., June 9. The second application period extends from June 12 through 8:30 a.m. on the first day of school in August. To apply and have his or her child considered for pre-k, a family member must answer all questions on the application, providing complete accurate information that can be verified. The attendance notification and parent-teacher conference form must be signed. A copy of the family's current income tax form, the child's birth certificate, and proof of residence is also required as part of the application process. The health inventory is not required until the child is accepted into the program. No application will be considered complete until all documentation is submitted. Completing the application is necessary for a child to even be considered for prekindergarten, but it does not guarantee acceptance.

Children attending a pre-k program in their school attendance area may ride the

school bus to and from pre-k. Parents of children living outside the school attendance area must provide transportation for their child if he or she is accepted. If transportation interferes with regular attendance or with a child being picked up on time, the child may not continue in the program. Harford County elementary schools with a pre-k program include: Abingdon, Bakerfield, Bel Air, Church Creek, Darlington, Dublin, Edgewood, George Lisby at Hillsdale, Hall's Cross Roads, Havre de Grace, Homestead-Wakefield, Joppatowne, Magnolia, Meadowvale, North Harford, Prospect Mill, Riverside, Roye-Williams, William Pace/Old Post Road, and William S. James.

The purpose of pre-k is to prepare at-risk children for kindergarten. Through a structured educational program that consists of instruction in language arts and mathematics, theme-related project work, self-directed activities in learning centers, literature and outdoor play, children acquire the work habits, academic knowledge, and social skills needed for kindergarten readiness. Pre-k operates in two half-day sessions: from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. each day. Children must attend regularly. Parents must make the commitment to their child's early education by ensuring that their child attends regularly and by participating in two parent-teacher conferences a year.

Kindergarten

To be eligible for kindergarten in fall 2006, a child must turn five years old as of Sept. 1 (born on or between Oct. 1, 2000, and Sept. 31, 2001). Countywide kindergarten registration day is May 5.

Children may be registered on May 5 or any weekday thereafter, Monday through Friday. Documents needed for kindergarten registration are: child's birth certificate, social security, immunization record, and parents' proof of residency. It is recommended that parents contact the elementary school in their area by phone for further information before registering children.

For more information or to obtain assistance in completing the pre-k application, contact an elementary school with a pre-k site or the Office of Early Childhood, 410-588-5362.

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